

Remarks

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of claims 1-4 and 17-34. Claims 1-46 remain in the application. Claims 24-30 have been canceled.

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the interview on June 30, 2004. Applicant has amended the claims as discussed during the interview to put the claims in a condition believed to be allowable.

Allowed and New Claims

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowability of claims 5-16 and 35-46. In claim 5, 12, 42, and 35, Applicant kept the language indicated by the Examiner for the reason of allowance but amended in a non-narrowing fashion the word “performs” to “causes” to ensure proper correlation with the specification (last line of ¶ 15).

Applicant adds new claims 47-53 which Applicant respectfully submits are allowable for similar reasons.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Applicant respectfully submits amended claims 1, 17, and 31 are allowable because of incorporation of the similar language that made claims 5-16 and 35-46 allowable. Claims 24-30 have been canceled without prejudice.

For at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the independent claims are allowable. The Applicant respectfully submits that the dependant claims are allowable for at least the reason that they are dependent on an allowable independent claim.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits the claims for reconsideration, and that the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the rejections be withdrawn and the claims be allowed.

Invitation for a telephone interview

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at 408-720-8300 if there remains any issue with allowance of this case.

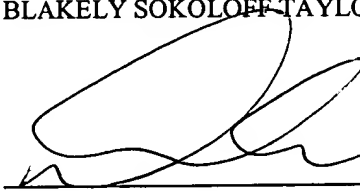
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Respectfully submitted,

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